Delwich 21st November 1657

My Dear Sir,

If anything is not done with the blacks at the Gangolde and beyond, we shall be driven from our stations. When some of them hearing two men of the forge recommended, and this morning a noble person arrived with the intelligence of two of the blacks, then being killed by the blacks and a quantity of their sheep, and in about two days more I shall not be surprised to hear of some of it. Robert Crawfurd’s men being killed, at their three stations the men have surrounded to make friends with the blacks, and have got them to cut wood for them, and after the men have taken their food, and the first time they have refused the blacks anything they asked...
The Blacks have killed their men. I informed the
stations I gave my Orders that on my return to allow
a Black to enter any of my stations and the Blacks
soon knew this and in a month or two I heard that
more a Black had not been seen except killing the
Cattle. When Egan took charge of your Cattle the
stations used to be armed at the different stations
but as soon as they found that Egan was going
about from station to station examining to find
out whether any Blacks had been killed by any of
the Whites, all the stations used to carry arms
and from that time the Blacks have been particularly
outraged. Before they were afraid to meet a station
now they are found killing the Cattle and have
the stations to come near them. While I was up
night I had &y scouts were killed by the Blacks,
Many months of them carrying the help from the
had just killed in the Mountains, and they
I asked him if he did not say they would give him. They are asking to your cattle, as they know that you and the steersman sold them. I am sure we were not asking for your cattle. It was said that if you were to leave them, they would eat them. If they were left, they would not know they had been sent over, and for I have a good supply of flour, tea, sugar, and tobacco, and I will carry them at contract price, rather than be obliged to send my cattle. I consider Mr. Evans's conduct during the time he was left there is the cause of a great deal of the trouble with the Indians. He said he would get your cattle out of the way. The reason was that he did not consider himself answerable for them. They had been and he had caused them to be driven out, and they had been killed. He knew the cattle could not get away, and that there were about 30 head in the river three days before I left. I sent my steersman to tell the Indians that I had wanted his cattle in my own yard. The next day, and he must have
them in by eleven o'clock, I soon had you after
some empty cattle to 8 ditches and somehow had
you the 8th Mote station with a Car of 9 ditches
that he had taken with my mistake; the first time
the cattle went off, the next morning I was my
attention to just to Ben with the cattle and by
close where the two men had got them into my
yard without any other help, I counted them and
found there were 800 head besides a great number
of calves. We then knew of 80 men being on the run
that were not in. The cattle are looking very well con-
credning they have been so much valued. By the Black
Plate the men to think what they didet the
but they have given you good and it is now some to
collect the stray cattle if any you were Dear
sister Egan discharged he made up in the
manor he did. As soon as you return to Shaker
I will ride down and talk on the business with
you.

[Signature]